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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2100

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D.A. Slawson et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT112767
Application No.: 09/224,009 Group Art Unit: 2176
Filed: December 31, 1998 Examiner: W.L. Bashore
Title: VISUAL THESAURUS AS APPLIED TO MEDIA CLIP SEARCHING

AMENDMENT B AND RESPONSE

Seattle, Washington 98101

October 28, 2002

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2002, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 10 and 33, and amend Claims 1, 6, 16, 18, 24, 29, 38 and 40 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for searching a media clip database associated with a multimedia application program, wherein said media clip database contains information, including keywords, that describes each associated media clip in said media clip database, comprising:
- in response to a user selecting a media clip, retrieving information, including keywords, associated with said selected media clip from said media clip database;
 - presenting said keywords associated with said selected media clip to the user for selection by the user; and
 - in response to the user creating search criteria by selecting one or more of said keywords associated with said selected media clip, retrieving all media clips in said media clip database that have associated keywords that match the one or more keywords associated with the selected media clip selected by the user.

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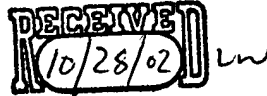
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Action mailed July 8, 2002.**

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

October 28, 2002

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
_____ 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	61	Minus	63	=	0	x	18	= 0.00
Independent Claims	4	Minus	4	=	0	x	84	= 0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment								\$0.00

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B. Request for Extension of Time

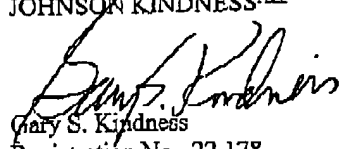
Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 8, 2002, set to expire on October 8, 2002, be extended by one month to expire on November 8, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of the fee (\$110) to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

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